

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A particulate filter regenerating device comprising:
a regeneration timing determining section configured to determine a regeneration timing to regenerate a particulate filter by combusting particulate that has accumulated in the particulate filter;
an exhaust gas temperature increasing section configured to increase temperature of exhaust gas to regenerate the particulate filter; and
a temperature rise restraining section configured to reduce a temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section to a lower value based on a temperature of the particulate filter such that at least one of
the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is less than it would be where the temperature of the particulate filter rises comparatively gradually, when the temperature of the particulate filter rises too rapidly during regeneration of the particulate filter by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section, and
the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is below a normal value that is used to bring the particulate filter to a target particulate filter temperature during regeneration.
2. (Original) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 1, wherein
the temperature rise restraining section is configured to reduce the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas such that the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is less than it would be where the temperature of the particulate filter rises comparatively gradually, when the temperature of the particulate filter rises too rapidly during regeneration of the particulate filter by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section.

3. (Original) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 1, wherein

the temperature rise restraining section is configured to reduce the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas such that the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is below a normal value that is used to bring the particulate filter to a target particulate filter temperature during regeneration.

4 (Original) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 3, further comprising

a temperature detecting section configured to detect a particulate filter temperature; and the temperature rise restraining section is further configured to reduce the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section based on the particulate filter temperature detected by the temperature detecting section.

5. (Original) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 3, wherein

the regeneration timing determining section includes

a filter pressure difference detecting section configured to detect a pressure difference across the particulate filter,

an exhaust gas flow rate detecting section configured to detect the exhaust gas flow rate, and

an accumulated particulate quantity computing section configured to compute the quantity of particulate that has accumulated in the particulate filter based on the filter pressure difference detected by the filter pressure difference section and the exhaust gas flow rate detected by the exhaust gas flow rate detecting section, and

the regeneration timing determining section is further configured to determine the regeneration timing to regenerate the particulate filter by comparing the accumulated particulate quantity computed by the accumulated particulate quantity computing section with a prescribed quantity.

6. (Original) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 3, wherein
the exhaust gas temperature increasing section includes
an exhaust gas temperature detecting section configured to detect an exhaust gas temperature, and
an exhaust gas temperature controlling section configured to control the exhaust gas temperature based on the exhaust gas temperature detected by the exhaust gas temperature detecting section and a target regeneration exhaust gas temperature.

~~7. 8.~~ (Currently Amended) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 3, wherein
the exhaust gas temperature increasing section is further configured to increase the temperature of the exhaust gas by adjusting at least one of the following: a timing of a main fuel injection used for controlling the engine torque, a timing and quantity of a post fuel injection executed after the main fuel injection, a supercharging pressure produced by a supercharger, a flow rate of exhaust gas recirculated from the an exhaust passage to an air intake passage, and a cross sectional area of an air intake passage opening.

~~8. 9.~~ (Currently Amended) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 3, wherein
the temperature rise restraining section includes
a particulate filter temperature detecting section configured to detect the temperature of the particulate filter, and
a filter temperature rise rate computing section configured to compute a filter temperature rise rate of the particulate filter detected by the particulate filter temperature detecting section, and
the temperature rise restraining section is further configured to reduce the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing

section when the filter temperature rise rate computed by the filter temperature rise rate computing section is greater than or equal to a prescribed value.

9. ~~10.~~ (Currently Amended) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 8 ~~9~~, wherein

the temperature rise restraining section is further configured to increase the reduction of the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section as the filter temperature rise rate computed by the filter temperature rise rate computing section becomes larger.

10. ~~11.~~ (Currently Amended) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 2, wherein

the regeneration timing determining section includes

a filter pressure difference detecting section configured to detect a pressure difference across the particulate filter,

an exhaust gas flow rate detecting section configured to detect the exhaust gas flow rate, and

an accumulated particulate quantity computing section configured to compute the quantity of particulate that has accumulated in the particulate filter based on the filter pressure difference detected by the filter pressure difference section and the exhaust gas flow rate detected by the exhaust gas flow rate detecting section, and

the regeneration timing determining section is further configured to determine the regeneration timing to regenerate the particulate filter by comparing the accumulated particulate quantity computed by the accumulated particulate quantity computing section with a prescribed quantity.

11. ~~12.~~ (Currently Amended) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 2, wherein

the exhaust gas temperature increasing section includes

an exhaust gas temperature detecting section configured to detect an exhaust gas temperature, and
an exhaust gas temperature controlling section configured to control the exhaust gas temperature based on the exhaust gas temperature detected by the exhaust gas temperature detecting section and a target regeneration exhaust gas temperature.

12. ~~13.~~ (Currently Amended) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 2, wherein

the exhaust gas temperature increasing section is further configured to increase the temperature of the exhaust gas by adjusting at least one of the following: a timing of a main fuel injection used for controlling the engine torque, a timing and quantity of a post fuel injection executed after the main fuel injection, a supercharging pressure produced by a supercharger, a flow rate of exhaust gas recirculated from the an exhaust passage to an air intake passage, and a cross sectional area of an air intake passage opening.

13. ~~14.~~ (Currently Amended) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 2, wherein

the temperature rise restraining section includes

a particulate filter temperature detecting section configured to detect the temperature of the particulate filter, and
a filter temperature rise rate computing section configured to compute a filter temperature rise rate of the particulate filter detected by the particulate filter temperature detecting section, and

the temperature rise restraining section is further configured to reduce the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section when the filter temperature rise rate computed by the filter temperature rise rate computing section is greater than or equal to a prescribed value.

14. ~~15.~~ (Currently Amended) The particulate filter regenerating device recited in claim 13 ~~14~~, wherein

the temperature rise restraining section is further configured to increase the reduction of the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section as the filter temperature rise rate computed by the filter temperature rise rate computing section becomes larger.

15. 46. (Currently Amended) A particulate filter regenerating device comprising:
a regeneration timing determining means for determining a regeneration timing to regenerate a particulate filter by combusting particulate that has accumulated in the particulate filter;

an exhaust gas temperature increasing means for increasing temperature of exhaust gas to regenerate the particulate filter; and

a temperature rise restraining means for reducing a temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing means to a lower value based on a temperature of the particulate filter such that at least one of

the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is less than it would be where the temperature of the particulate filter rises comparatively gradually, when the temperature of the particulate filter rises too rapidly during regeneration of the particulate filter by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section, and

the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is below a normal value that is used to bring the particulate filter to a target particulate filter temperature during regeneration.

16. 47. (Currently Amended) An engine exhaust gas cleaning device, including a particulate filter configured to be installed in an exhaust passage of an engine and configured to collect particulate matter from the exhaust gas; and

a regenerating device configured to regenerate the particulate filter, the regenerating device including

a regeneration timing determining section configured to determine a regeneration timing to regenerate a particulate filter by combusting particulate that has accumulated in the particulate filter;

an exhaust gas temperature increasing section configured to increase temperature of exhaust gas to regenerate the particulate filter; and
a temperature rise restraining section configured to reduce a temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section to a lower value based on a temperature of the particulate filter such that at least one of the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is less than it would be where the temperature of the particulate filter rises comparatively gradually, when the temperature of the particulate filter rises too rapidly during regeneration of the particulate filter by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section, and
the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is below a normal value that is used to bring the particulate filter to a target particulate filter temperature during regeneration.

17. ~~48.~~ (Currently Amended). The engine exhaust gas cleaning device recited in claim 16 ~~47~~, wherein

the exhaust gas temperature increasing section is configured to raise the exhaust gas to different temperatures depending on the operating conditions, when the regenerating device regenerates the particulate filter.

18. ~~49.~~ (Currently Amended) The engine exhaust gas cleaning device recited in claim 16 ~~47~~, wherein

the temperature rise restraining section is configured to reduce the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas such that the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is less than it would be where the temperature of the particulate filter rises comparatively gradually, when the temperature of the particulate filter rises too rapidly during regeneration of the particulate filter by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section.

19. ~~20.~~ (Currently Amended) The engine exhaust gas cleaning device recited in claim 16 ~~47~~, wherein

the temperature rise restraining section is configured to reduce the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas such that the lower value of the temperature rise amount of the exhaust gas is below a normal value that is used to bring the particulate filter to a target particulate filter temperature during regeneration.

20, 24. (Currently Amended) The engine exhaust gas cleaning device recited in claim 19 20, further comprising

a temperature detecting section configured to detect a particulate filter temperature; and the temperature rise restraining section is further configured to reduce the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section based on the particulate filter temperature detected by the temperature detecting section.

21, 22. (Currently Amended). The engine exhaust gas cleaning device recited in claim 16 17, wherein

the regeneration timing determining section includes

a filter pressure difference detecting section configured to detect a pressure difference across the particulate filter,

an exhaust gas flow rate detecting section configured to detect the exhaust gas flow rate, and

an accumulated particulate quantity computing section configured to compute the quantity of particulate that has accumulated in the particulate filter based on the filter pressure difference detected by the filter pressure difference section and the exhaust gas flow rate detected by the exhaust gas flow rate detecting section, and

the regeneration timing determining section is further configured to determine the regeneration timing to regenerate the particulate filter by comparing the accumulated particulate quantity computed by the accumulated particulate quantity computing section with a prescribed quantity.

22, 23. (Currently Amended) The engine exhaust gas cleaning device recited in claim 16 17, wherein

the exhaust gas temperature increasing section includes

- an exhaust gas temperature detecting section configured to detect an exhaust gas temperature, and

- an exhaust gas temperature controlling section configured to control the exhaust gas temperature based on the exhaust gas temperature detected by the exhaust gas temperature detecting section and a target regeneration exhaust gas temperature.

23. (Currently Amended) The engine exhaust gas cleaning device recited in claim 16 ~~17~~, wherein

the exhaust gas temperature increasing section is further configured to increase the temperature of the exhaust gas by adjusting at least one of the following: a timing of a main fuel injection used for controlling the engine torque, a timing and quantity of a post fuel injection executed after the main fuel injection, a supercharging pressure produced by a supercharger, a flow rate of exhaust gas recirculated from the an exhaust passage to an air intake passage, and a cross sectional area of an air intake passage opening.

24. (Currently Amended) The engine exhaust gas cleaning device recited in claim 16 ~~17~~, wherein

the temperature rise restraining section includes

- a particulate filter temperature detecting section configured to detect the temperature of the particulate filter, and

- a filter temperature rise rate computing section configured to compute a filter temperature rise rate of the particulate filter detected by the particulate filter temperature detecting section, and

the temperature rise restraining section is further configured to reduce the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section when the filter temperature rise rate computed by the filter temperature rise rate computing section is greater than or equal to a prescribed value.

25. (Currently Amended) The engine exhaust gas cleaning device recited in claim 16 ~~47~~, wherein

the temperature rise restraining section is further configured to increase the reduction of the amount of the temperature rise of the exhaust gas caused by the exhaust gas temperature increasing section as the filter temperature rise rate computed by the filter temperature rise rate computing section becomes larger.